Government Departments, their attached and subordinate offices and other organizations financed and/or controlled by the Government to make local purchases of stationery and other items required by them only from the Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Ssociety Ltd. (Kendriya Bhandar) in relaxation of the tenders/quotation procedures as laid down in the GFRs. It was also mentioned therein that only if the Society is not able to supply a particular item, the Ministries/Departments etc. will be allowed to make local purchases from other sources. The relaxation was accorded on the understanding that a Committee consisting of a representative each of the Department of Supply, Ministry of Wroks & Housing, Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society, would fix the prices of the articles as are generally indented for by Government Departments etc. (Para 5 of the said O.M.).

2. The matter relating to the Constitution of Committee (referred to in para 5 of O.M. dated 14-7-1981) has been reviewed in consultation with FA (Home) and it has been decided to do away with the provisions regarding formation of Committee referred to in para 5 of the above O.M.

3. It has been further decided that Kendriya Bhandar would introduce a system of annual survey to have a proper feed back from the consumers for ensuring quality/price control on the items of stationery and other articles supplied to the Ministries/Departments and other Government offices.

4. This issues with the concurrence of FA(Home) *vide* their u.o. No. 2549/FA(H)/98, dt. 29.5.1998.

(J.S. Bhatia)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

To

All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India (as per standard list)

Raids oonducted by CBI

†867. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH "LALAN":

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of the officers in the administrative services found guilty in the raids conducted by the C.B.I. has been increasing during the last three years;

(b) if not, the respective number of these officers during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

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(c) whether it is also a fact that the officers suspended due to being found guilty after the raids have already been reinstated in Government service even before their acquittal by the courts; and

(d) if so, the number of such officers during each of the above years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The raids conducted by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) aim at collecting evidence in an enquiry/investigation. An officer cannot be pronounced guilty only because of a raid by the CBI and the matter is decided as per the rules by the Court/Disciplinary Authority. However, the CBI searched the premises of following number of officers belonging to All India & others Central/Allied Services during the last three years:—

1999	—	20
2000	—	22
2001	—	44

(c) and (d) Suspension from service is resorted to for stopping an officer from influencing the outcome of an inquiry. As such, suspension is not regarded as a penalty. On a review, whenever the Disciplinary Authority is satisfied that the apprehension of tampering with evidence no longer exists, the suspension is revoked but the inquiry/investigation/trial continues, uninterrupted. The Disciplinary Authority of the respective administrative Ministry/Department has to decide the issue of reinstatement of an officer placed under suspension. Such figures are not centrally maintained.

Charge-sheet issued by discharged officers

†868. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the any PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discharged officer can issue a charge sheet to his ex-subordinate staff for any misconduct;

(b) if so, the details of the provisions as such; and

(c) if not, the legal status of such a charge sheet?

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